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Mr. David Boergers
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

Re: F- 2001- 0246
Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.
CP98-150-000, et al

Dear Mr. Boergers:

The New York State Department of State received the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Millennium Pipeline Project on October 5, 2001. We thank you for forwarding the document to the Department for its review as to the project's consistency with the New York State Coastal Management Program.

As we indicated in our letter dated September 12, 2001, to Millennium's counsel, Mr. Thomas S. West of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, the Department expects to expeditiously complete its review of the FEIS and notify FERC, the Corps of Engineers and the Millennium Pipeline Company of its consistency decision.

The Department also wishes to advise the Commission that, in accordance with federal regulations, its decision on the licensing of the proposed project can be made only after the Department of State has determined the project's consistency with New York's Coastal Management Program.

Sincerely,

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